

Dear Sponsor of the CIBC – University of New Brunswick Indigenous Bursary,

My name is Caylie Hopkins, I am a member of the NunatuKavut Community Council, which represents the Inuit of south and central Labrador, and I am a first-year student in the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology program at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton campus. First off, I would like to thank you for this generous contribution to future my studies. Because of this bursary, a huge amount of stress and weight has been lifted off my shoulders. Due to COVID-19, I was left with very little work opportunity before making the move to Fredericton, which I will be doing in January 2021. This left me anxious about funds for living as well as my upcoming tuition payment, but this contribution has been such a relief and I am beyond grateful to have been chosen as a recipient.

As I am currently studying kinesiology, my interests for my future career choice have grown, but I plan to either complete a master's degree in physiotherapy or a master's in sport psychology. With either of these career options, I plan to work with sports teams, and would particularly like to work with female hockey and help grow the game. During my minor hockey career, I had the opportunity to play in the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships with team Atlantic, and I would love to work with the team again in the future as a team trainer/physiotherapist or even as a mental performance coach, as this team opens a huge door for Indigenous athletes to gain not only an amazing experience, but also to gain exposure and recognition as an athlete. I hope to also one day work alongside an NWHL, NHL, or even a women's national team.

Once again, thank you for your generous contribution and support to help further my education as well as my future. My heart is full of gratitude.

-Caylie Hopkins